The Focus Group (FG) is being held April 9, 2015 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton Crystal City, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

Prior to the FG, on April 8, 2015, Cost Assessment Data Enterprise (CADE) welcomes one-on-one discussions with industry to discuss the Data Item Description (DID) update, the concept of the Flex File initiative, or other issues you'd like to cover. The meetings will be held at the Pentagon on an as-requested basis. Companies must request a one-on-one meeting for us to set it up.

Registration: To register for the Focus Group, April 9th, please contact: Cathy Ferguson catherine.m.ferguson6.ctr@mail.mil (571) 372-4260. Please provide your name, organization, position title, email address and phone number.

To register for one-on-one meetings, April 8th: Please contact Cathy Ferguson catherine.m.ferguson6.ctr@mail.mil (571) 372-4260.

FG Agenda: A more detailed agenda for the FG will be forthcoming, but the topics will include DIDs status, CADE's to-date accomplishments and some new initiatives we are pursuing.

Hotel information: The Doubletree will provide reduced parking fees for $15. The hotel is located 3 blocks from the Crystal City metro and can be assessed on the Blue and Yellow lines. Rooms at the Doubletree are available on a first-come basis, please contact 1-800-560-7753, or use the registration at: http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/virginia/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-washington-dc-crystal-city-DCAAEDT/index.html

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Who Should Attend: Government and industry program managers, cost and financial analysts, software engineers, technical data managers, contracting and DCMA/DCAA officials who have a vested interest in the planning, reporting and auditing of Cost and Software Data Reports for Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs) and Major Automated Information Systems (MAIS).

FG History: The CSDR Focus Group was established in the late 1990s for the purpose of bringing together industry data providers and government cost estimating and acquisition organization leaders to discuss and resolve issues of CSDR policy, implementation techniques and future enhancements. The objective of the CSDR Focus Group is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of CSDR policies, processes, and practices within the defense acquisition community.